

On page 56, line 12, strike "(v)" and insert "(iv)".

**SHELBY (AND OTHERS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3338**

Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. MACK, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. BROWBACK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COATS, and Mr. THOMAS) proposed an amendment to the bill, H.R. 1151, *supra*; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following new section:

SEC. 207. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT EXEMPTION.

The Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 (12 U.S.C. 2901 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 808. EXAMINATION EXEMPTION.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—A regulated financial institution shall not be subject to the examination requirements of this title or any regulations issued hereunder if the institution has aggregate assets of not more than \$250,000,000.

"(b) ADJUSTMENTS.—The dollar amount referred to in subsection (a) shall be adjusted annually after December 31, 1998, by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics."

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on Wednesday, July 29, 1998, at 9 a.m. in SR-328A. The purpose of this meeting will be to examine USDA consolidation and downsizing efforts.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, July 29, 1998, at 9:30 a.m. in room SR-301 Russell Senate Office Building, to receive testimony on S. 2288, the Wendell H. Ford Government Publications Act of 1998.

For further information concerning this hearing, please contact either Ed Edens at the Rules Committee on 4-6678, or Eric Peterson at the Joint Committee on Printing on 4-7774.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 29, 1998, at 2 p.m. to conduct a business meeting to consider the following pending business of the Committee: S. 1905, A Bill to Compensate the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for Other Purposes; H.R. 3069, A Bill to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council; S. 1770, To Elevate the Position of the Director of the In-

dian Health Service to Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services; S. 391, To Provide for the Distribution of Certain Judgment Funds to the Mississippi Sioux Tribe of Indians, and for Other Purposes; and S. 1419, A Bill to deem the activities of the Miccosukee Tribe on the Tamiami Indian Reserve to be consistent with the purposes of the Everglades National Park, and for other purposes.

The business meeting will be held in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building. Those wishing additional information should contact the Committee on Indian Affairs at 202/224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Government Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia to meet on Monday, July 27, 1998, at 3:00 p.m. for a hearing entitled "Keeping the Nation's Capital Safe."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be permitted to meet on July 27, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Hart 216 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL FREDERICK E. VOLLRATH

• Mr. KEMPTHORNE. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Lieutenant General Frederick E. Vollrath upon his retirement from the United States Army. General Vollrath has served our great nation with honor and distinction for 35 years and his performance throughout his career has been characterized by the highest standards of professional ethics and commitment to soldiers.

General Vollrath's outstanding career began when he was commissioned a second lieutenant upon completion of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and graduation from the University of Miami in 1963. During his military career, he completed the Adjutant General Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the United States Army War College, the National Security Management.

His initial assignments include Adjutant General and Deputy Chief of Staff, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, Colorado; Director of Personnel Service Support, Director of En-

listed Assignment Division, 1st Personnel Command, U.S. Army Europe. He has also held a variety of important command and staff positions to include Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, U.S. Army Europe and Seventh Army; Director of Military Personnel Management, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Department of the Army; Director of Enlisted Personnel U.S. Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Virginia; Commander, Personnel Information Systems Command; Chief of Staff and later Deputy Commander, 1st Personnel Command, U.S. Army Europe; Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army and culminating his career with his most recent duty as Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

General Vollrath's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

General Vollrath has truly made a difference to our Army and our Nation. He has always fought for what was right for the Army, it's soldiers, civilians and family members. He has established a solid reputation among his peers and superiors as the single driving force in ensuring the personnel community has stayed on the leading edge of sustaining the personnel readiness for the Total Army.

I would ask my colleagues to join me in wishing General Vollrath and his wife, Joy, all the best and thank them for 35 years of dedicated and unselfish service to our Nation. We wish them both a very fulfilling retirement.●

PATIENT PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT OF 1998

• Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, on Friday, July 24, I introduced legislation along with Senators ASHCROFT, BURNS, and ABRAHAM to repeal the legal mandate for personal identification codes for each patient that would be part of a national medical records system.

Our legislation, S. 2352, the Patient Privacy Rights Act, would repeal the unique medical identifiers requirement of the Health Insurance Portability Law of 1996 (HIPAA). This law directs the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to develop a system to use personal identifying codes as part of a system for electronically transmitting health information to aid implementation of the health insurance portability law. The unique health identifiers would be codes, numbers or other methods of uniquely identifying each patient that his or her doctors would be required to use throughout that person's lifetime. Hearings on the emerging system were launched in Chicago this week by the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics.

I believe it is irresponsible to expose patients to this massive new erosion of